

# THE GARZETTE

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The search for the meeting place has come to the end. It has been fast and I appreciate the help. Especially GARS member Jack Shipley, W4UVQ and Donna Arendall both of Lawrenceville First United Methodist Church. All those who called or emailed ideas were extremely helpful and most valued. KE4YZS tried fruitlessly with the Baptist church.

I think the Methodist church is the best fit. First United Methodist Church is an active 3000+ church that will complement the public service non-profit activities of GARS. They provide Red Cross shelters during some emergencies and outreach with the community. They have had Boy Scout programs for many years and plan a new Explorer program. Please see the schedule article in this month's *Garzette* for meeting times and schedules.

Carter Wood, AG4LK is setting the final rules and times into the GARS Scholarship documents. The Executive committee and the Scholarship Chair are the scholarship committee. The club will vote on the final qualified applicants up to three.

GARS Ham of The Year will be announced at the Christmas meeting Dec 10. This person is an active member who promotes GARS and amateur radio.

The Ham School programs are doing well. Many of the activities are going to completion, but there are more opportunities to help. Talk to Sharon Carter, KG4HKO to volunteer a program at Richards Middle

School, second or fourth Tuesdays. Talk to Andrea Hartlage, KG4IUM to volunteer a program at Sweetwater Middle School, first or third Wednesdays.

Last month the "little" Mike Swiderski, K4HBI help completed the main antenna work at Richards Middle. As always a "little" Mike help is much way beyond the call of duty, appreciated and always goes positively beyond expectations. Mike and the hams mentioned last month are active school volunteer hams and exhibit the best in radio. Now, Scott KG4PWI, promised a real school GARZETTE article update. If you can spare an afternoon after school time, please share an amateur interest of yours. The kids like the variety.

I wish you and yours to have a wonderful Christmas Holiday season. We have had a lot of club administrative things to do this year. For this next year, we will do to do more of the events this club is known by and for.

## The GARZETTE

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Deadline for submissions is the Week of the Monthly Meeting for inclusion in the following month's issue.

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## GARS Elmers

Many of us Hams got interested in the hobby as a result of some influence and experienced Ham had on us. In my case, a ham stopped at my dealership back in the mid-80's to arrange a repair on his outboard motor. He had a funny looking license tag on his yellow Corvette and I inquired what it was. Little did I know, he would be my "Elmer".

The GARS organization is blessed with a lot of talented members that are willing to share their knowledge. The following list is made up of those individuals willing to serve as Elmers. Hopefully, this list will grow, and in time, maybe we'll get more who are willing to add a particular area of expertise.

KF4KSE David Moon (770) 279-9924 mobile radio installation

KG4IUM Andrea Hartlage (770) 963-2715 making QSL cards

N1TOQ Barry Zoll (678)-339-2605 Generators and Standby Power

Bill Carter, KG4FXG, Mobile CW

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WB2YAD Duane

### STAY CONNECTED!

- Call the nets
- Attend the Meetings
- Use the Email List



## GARS Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2002

*Submitted by Barry Y. Zoll, N1TOQ,*

Meeting held at Gwinnett Justice and Administration Building

Began at 7:30 PM.

President Bill Ahls discussed old business. Moved to accept meeting notes from October 2002 as published in the *Garzette*. Accepted by the members in attendance.

Discussed change in meeting place which requires us to change our meeting day from Thursday to Tuesday. The membership discussed alternate days for the weekly net. Michael will post a survey on the GARS web site.

Presentation was made by the Venture Crew. They discussed their activities during the year and thanked GARS for their continued support.

Ray Back, son of Steve Back, WB2OGY was recently earned his Eagle Scout. GARS officially congratulated Steve.

Barry Zoll, N1TOQ announced the date of the Tech Fest. Anyone interested in participating should contact Barry at [N1TOQ@arrl.net](mailto:N1TOQ@arrl.net).

Meeting adjourned.

## GARS

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## GARS Associate Member Ray Back gets Eagle Scout Award

By Bill Ahls, ABØKF

Ray was in Cubs beginning in Florida and finishing in Lawrenceville with the Eagle rank. Ray achieved the Boy Scouts highest award, joining the elite 2% of all that start the scouting program. Yes, that is right; Eagle is only awarded, nationally to a mere 2% of all that start the scouting program.

Here are some good things I learned about Ray during the ceremony: Has slept in a tent at least every month for camping or radio since his first cub camping trip in Florida. (I remember him camping at least two or more field days.) Ray has been Troop 569 Historian for at least two terms with several other troop jobs carried out in between. He is a charter member of Explorer Post 73. Ray's Eagle project built a Gazebo with landscaping at Craig Elementary School.

Ray has done a great job for field day working the hospitality and welcome table for GARS. Last year he was Hospitality Chairman for field day. This year, at the Lawrenceville Hamfest, Ray did an outstanding job manning the GARS booth for most of Saturday. He volunteers and helps with many of the meeting tasks when he attends our monthly meetings. Some of you may have seen him take over special activities duties for Mary when she has been out of town.

Ray's remaining Scout activity will help the younger Scouts get advanced and perhaps

**Pictured from left to right are Steve Back, WB2OGY, brother David, Ray, and Mary Ann Back.**



## Membership Committee Report

John Davis - WB4QDX

As of the November 21st meeting, the GARS membership stands at 206 members. 154 GARS members are also ARRL members. By license class, our membership consists of 68 Extra, 17 Advanced, 32 General, 73 Technician, 10 Tech Plus and 6 unlicensed.

Please welcome the following new GARS members joining during October:

NK0X	Ben Boegh	Buford
WA4YIH	Ed Woodrick	Lawrenceville
KE4IKF	Amy Woodrick	Lawrenceville
KM6WM	Earle Anten	Dacula
KG4FZU	Rob Garner	Lilburn
KG4GMV	Wendell Stephens	Lawrenceville
KD4CUY	John Merrill	Lawrenceville

The following visitors attended the November meeting:

KG4VHX	Adrian Altine	Kennesaw
KF4WUJ	Jackie Snellgrove	Hoschton

## "Worked All Georgia" Award

I thought you'd like to know that one of your sister clubs here, Atlanta Radio Club, is sponsoring a new award: a "Worked All Georgia" Award. As you know, Georgia is a bewildering patchwork of 159 counties, second in number only to Texas. So, ever prone to finding something good in everything, we've come up with a challenge: try to make 2-way contact with at least one ham in each of these 159 counties.

Because there are so many counties, and because some of the counties have few (maybe 0) hams, there are intermediate awards for 50 and 100 counties.

And this award will tie nicely into the Georgia QSO party (maybe a "WAG-a-thon"?). And perhaps we'll even have some mobile Georgia "DXpeditions" to hard-to-get counties to add to the fun.

Further information is available at: <http://www.saf.com/arc/wagaward.htm>.

## New Meeting Information

Here are the immediate GARS meetings on the calendar today.

- December 10, Tuesday at Lawrenceville First United Methodist Church. The December meeting will be an introduction to the new location and sharing of Christmas desserts. This would replace the Christmas party this year that was planned at the old church. Next year the Christmas party will be more traditional.

Everyone is asked to bring some favorite covered dish dessert.

- We will meet January 14, Tuesday and for the rest of the year second Tuesdays of the month at the church.
- Gwinnett ARES is moving their meeting to the Fourth Tuesday of the month starting January. Thanks to Stan and ARES for accommodating our schedule. We are thinking when and how to complement the two schedules.

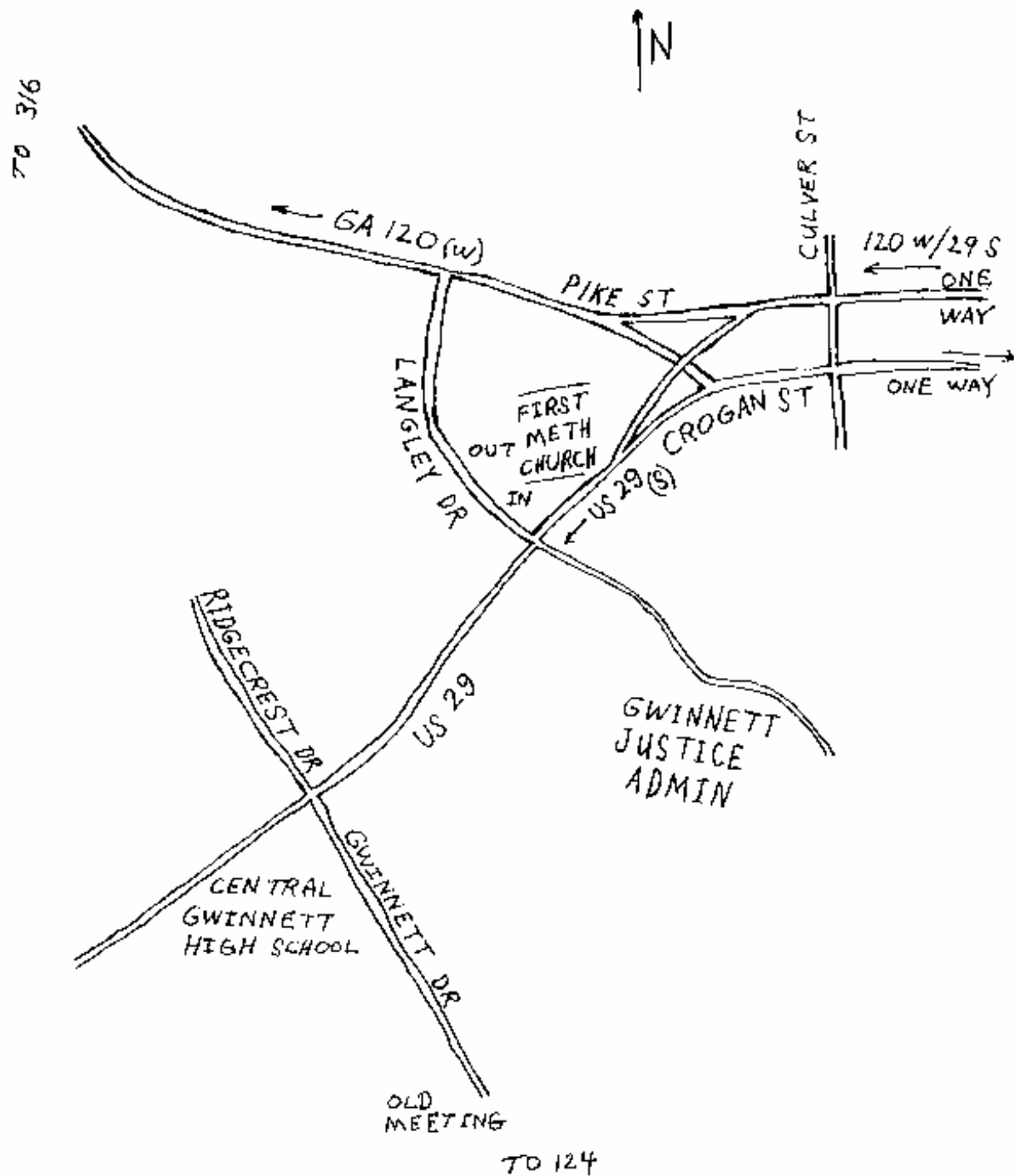
## Tech Fest

The GARS Tech Fest will be held on January 25, 2003 at the Lawrenceville First United Methodist Church.

The purpose of Tech Fest is to allow us to exchange the knowledge that we have with regard to the many facets of amateur radio. In the past, we've had displays for computer programming of radios, emergency power, crystal radio construction, 12 volt theory, antenna construction, and much, much more. We also hold our annual Chili cook-off where attendees bring their favorite chili to compete for the "Best of GARS" chili. For us non-chili eaters, we will have burgers, dogs, and all of the fixing's.

Are you interested in setting up a table and sharing your expertise with your fellow hams? Please contact Barry Zoll, Tech fest Chairman at [N1TOQ@arrrl.net](mailto:N1TOQ@arrrl.net) or by phone at 770-277-5175.

# Lawrenceville First United Methodist Church.



### **Metro Atlanta Club Meetings**

#### **First Tuesday**

#### **Metro Atlanta Telephone Pioneers**

Old Hickory House

5490 Chamblee/Dunwoody Rd,  
Dunwoody

Dutch dinner is at 6:30 PM, followed  
by meeting.

Talk In 145.410(-)

#### **Kennehoochee ARC**

First United Methodist Church in  
Marietta

Meeting begins at 7:30 PM

Talk In 146.880(-)

#### **First Thursday**

#### **Atlanta Radio Club**

American Red Cross Building,  
Lindberg Plaza

Meeting is at 7:30 PM

Talk In -146.820(-)

#### **N.E. Georgia ARC**

Jefferson Civic Center

Off of Memorial Dr. toward Winder  
from

Jefferson

Meeting is at 6:30 PM

Talk In - 147.225(+)

#### **North Fulton Amateur Radio League**

Shoney's Restaurant

Holcomb Bridge Road at grimes  
Bridge Road

Dinner at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:30  
PM

Talk In - 145.47(-)

#### **Second Thursday**

#### **Alford Memorial Radio Club**

Killian Hall, Killian Hill Road  
Lilburn

Dinner at 6:00 PM, meeting at 7:30  
PM

Talk In - 146.760(-)

#### **First Saturday**

#### **North GA QRP Club**

Wieuca Baptist Church on Peachtree Rd/  
Wieuca, 10 AM

Tues. Night Nets, PSK31 at 8:00  
PM 3580 khz, 9:00 PM FM net on  
145.41 mhz, CW at 9:30 PM  
3568.4 khz Contact Russ  
AE4NY....770-457-0371

### **Metro Atlanta VE Exam Schedule**

GARS publishes Metro Atlanta area VE exam schedules as a service and is not responsible for errors or changes. Call and confirm schedules before going. All sessions are walk-in. Take copies of current license and certificate of completed elements with you to all sessions.

#### **First Sunday**

WCARS VEC2:00 PM (Except July and  
September) Johnson High School 3305  
Poplar Springs RD, Gainesville Terry  
Jones, W4TL (770)967-6364

#### **First Saturday**

9:00AM

Clayton County Emergency  
Management Building

7496 N. McDonough St., Jonesboro  
George White, KN4NG (770)361-6850

#### **Second Tuesday**

7:00PM

Walton EMC

3645 Lenora Church Rd, Snellville  
Wayne Taylor, WD4CCA  
(770)498-7759

#### **Second Saturday, Odd Months**

CA VEC

8:30 AM

Stone Mountain Methodist Church  
5312 West Mountain St.  
Stone Mountain  
Bob Verone, W4ETN  
(770)978-3179

#### **Third Saturday**

CA VEC

9:00AM

Marietta First United Methodist  
Church Room 305, 56 Whitlock Ave  
Marietta

Larry Huff, WA4CQZ  
(770)955-3171

#### **Fourth Tuesday**

ARRL VEC

7:00 PM

United Way Service Center  
6279 Fairburn Road, Douglasville  
Jessie Clower, KB4WFK  
(770)942-6466.

#### **Fourth Friday**

W5YI VEC

7:00 PM

St. John Neumann Church  
801 Tom Smith Road Lilburn  
Headphones Provided! Howie Gould,

### **GARS Communication System**

#### **6 Meter Repeater**

53.110 (-1 MHz)

#### **Main Repeater Site**

Oak Street, Lawrenceville

#### **2 Meter Repeater**

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82.5 PL Tone

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Oak Street, Lawrenceville

#### **Backup Repeater Site**



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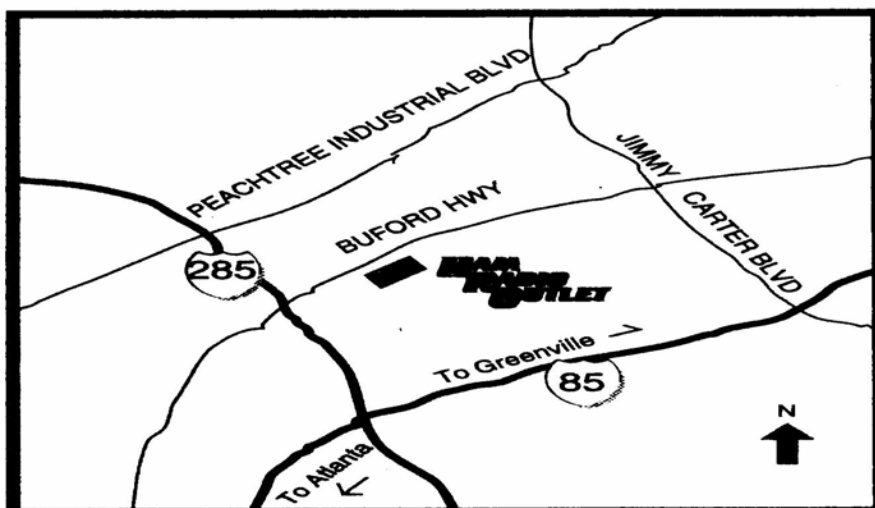


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**December, 2002**

Executive Committee

14th GARS Holiday Party

**January, 2003**

Executive Committee

14th GARS Club Meeting

25th Tech Fest



**February 2003**

Executive Committee

11th GARS Club Meeting